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# Gunnery Sergeant Thomas J. Sullivan to be Posthumously Honored with Lt. J. Frank Murphy Medal of Valor Award at Ceremony

Who: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, Springfield Veterans' Activities Committee, Family of Gunnery Sergeant

Thomas J. Sullivan

What: Awarding of Lt. J. Frank Murphy Medal of Valor

When: Friday, May 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: City Hall, Room 220, 36 Court Street, Springfield

Springfield, MA – The Springfield Veterans' Activities Committee, Inc. will once again sponsor the awarding of the prestigious Lt. J. Frank Murphy Medal of Valor. This year, the Committee has selected to posthumously award the late Gunnery Sergeant Thomas J. Sullivan with the honor. The medal will be presented to the Sullivan family during a ceremony on Friday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 220.

The award is given on an annual basis to a Springfield citizen who has risked his or her life in saving the lives of others, or to a non-resident who performed such an act while in the City of Springfield.

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno said, "So justly deserved and God Rest Tommy's soul. I'm truly grateful the Committee accepted my nomination and thankful the Sullivan family allows us to continue to honor Tommy's legacy."

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